

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing access to a service, comprising:

5 providing at least a subset of a directory of a plurality of services to a portal communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with a plurality of third party vendors, a service of the plurality of services comprising use of a software application;

10 receiving a selection of one or more selected services of the plurality of services from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with one or more conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;

15 receiving a user identifier;

linking the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and

20 allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein providing at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system further comprises:

receiving a search value of a search variable from the user system;

identifying the subset of the directory according to the search value; and

30 providing at least the subset of the directory.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein providing at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system further comprises:

5 providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;

receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system, the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and

10 providing at least the subset of the directory.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions further comprises:

15 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and

20 providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

5. The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions further comprises:

5       determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;

          calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions; and

10       providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one or more selected services.

6. The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions further comprises allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services through the portal.

7. A system for providing access to a service,  
comprising:

a database operable to store a directory of a  
plurality of services; and

5 a service engine coupled to the database and  
operable to:

provide at least a subset of the directory of  
the plurality of services to a portal communicating with  
a user system, the plurality of services associated with  
10 a plurality of third party vendors, a service of the  
plurality of services comprising use of a software  
application;

receive a selection of one or more selected  
services of the plurality of services from the user  
15 system, the one or more selected services associated with  
one or more conditions governing access to the one or  
more selected services;

receive a user identifier;

20 link the one or more selected services with the  
user identifier; and

allow the user identifier access to the one or  
more selected services according to the one or more  
conditions.

8. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to provide at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:

5 receiving a search value of a search variable from the user system;

identifying the subset of the directory according to the search value; and

providing at least the subset of the directory.

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9. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to provide at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:

15 providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;

receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system, the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and

20 providing at least the subset of the directory.

10. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:

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verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and

providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

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11. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:

determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;

calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions; and

providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one or more selected services.

12. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services through the portal.

13. Software for providing access to a service, the software embodied in a medium and when executed operable to:

5 provide at least a subset of a directory of a plurality of services to a portal communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with a plurality of third party vendors, a service of the plurality of services comprising use of a software application;

10 receive a selection of one or more selected services of the plurality of services from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with one or more conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;

15 receive a user identifier;

link the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and

20 allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions.

25 14. The software of Claim 13, operable to provide at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:

receiving a search value of a search variable from the user system;

identifying the subset of the directory according to the search value; and

30 providing at least the subset of the directory.

15. The software of Claim 13, operable to provide at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:

5       providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;

          receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system, the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and

10       providing at least the subset of the directory.

16. The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:

15       verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and

          providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

17. The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:

25       determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;

          calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions; and

30       providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one or more selected services.



18. The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by  
5 allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services through the portal.

19. A system for providing access to a service, comprising:

means for providing at least a subset of a directory of a plurality of services to a portal communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with  
5 a plurality of third party vendors, a service of the plurality of services comprising use of a software application;

means for receiving a selection of one or more  
10 selected services of the plurality of services from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with one or more conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;

means for receiving a user identifier;

15 means for linking the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and

means for allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions.

20. A method for providing access to a service,  
comprising:

providing at least a subset of a directory of a  
plurality of services to a portal communicating with a  
user system, the plurality of services associated with a  
5 plurality of third party vendors, a service of the  
plurality of services comprising use of a software  
application, the subset of a directory provided by;

providing a list of a plurality of categories  
10 of the plurality of services;

receiving a selected category of the plurality  
of categories from the user system;

receiving a search value of a search variable  
from the user system;

15 identifying the subset of the directory  
according to the search value and to the selected  
category; and

providing at least the subset of the directory;

receiving a selection of one or more selected  
20 services of the plurality of services from the user  
system, the one or more selected services associated with  
one or more conditions governing access to the one or  
more selected services;

receiving a user identifier;

25 linking the one or more selected services with the  
user identifier; and

allowing the user identifier access to the one or  
more selected services through the portal according to  
the one or more conditions, the access allowed by:

30 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user  
identifier;

providing the user identifier access to the one  
or more selected services in response to verifying the  
passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at  
least one service furnished by at least one third party  
5 vendor;

determining usage of access to the one or more  
selected services;

calculating compensation for the usage  
according to the one or more conditions; and

10 providing the compensation to at least one  
third party vendor furnishing the one or more selected  
services.